

Seal of court.

## Application for a Mother's Army Pension.

STATE OF Massachusetts }  
COUNTY OF Worcester } ss.On this third <sup>Date.</sup> day of March  
A. D. 1863, personally appeared before the Judge <sup>Official title of judge or other officer of court.</sup>  
of the Probate Court <sup>Name of court.</sup>which is a Court of Record Susan E. Handley <sup>Name of applicant.</sup> a resident of Acton <sup>Place of residence.</sup>  
in the County of Worcester <sup>Name of County.</sup> and State of Massachusetts <sup>Name of State.</sup> agedfifty nine <sup>Age of applicant.</sup> years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the follow-  
ing declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress approved July 14,1862: That she is the widow of Abram B. Handley <sup>Name of father.</sup> and mother of Frank <sup>Name of</sup>  
Handley <sup>deceased.</sup> who was a private <sup>Rank of deceased.</sup> in company E <sup>Letter of Co.</sup> commanded byW. H. Chapman <sup>Name of commander of company.</sup> in the twentieth <sup>Number of regiment.</sup> regiment of Massachusetts <sup>Name of State, and whether infantry</sup>  
Infantry <sup>or cavalry.</sup> in the war of 1861, who died at Fort St Phillips, La. <sup>Place where deceased died.</sup> on theseventh <sup>Date of death.</sup> day of July <sup>Cause of death.</sup> 1862 in consequence of softening of  
the Brain, a disease contracted while in  
the line of his duty and in the service of the  
United States.She further declares that her said son, upon whom she was wholly or in part dependent for support, having  
left no widow or minor child under sixteen years of age surviving, declarant makes this application for a pension  
under the above-mentioned act, and refers to the evidence filed herewith, and that in the proper department, to  
establish her claim. She also declares that she has not, in any way, been engaged in, or aided or abetted, the  
rebellion in the United States; that she is not in the receipt of a pension under the second section of the act  
above mentioned, or under any other act, nor has she again married since the death of her son the saidFrank Handley <sup>Name of deceased.</sup> She hereby constitutes and appoints CHARLES REED, of Boston,  
Massachusetts, her attorney irrevocable, to prosecute this claim and to procure her pension certificate.

Applicant sign here.

Witness Jonas R. PutneyWitness James E. Billings

## Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,

June 5<sup>th</sup> 1863.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 20051..., and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that Frank Handley was enrolled on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 1861, at Acton Mass in Co. "E", 26<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Mass. Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war, ~~and~~ <sup>there is no evidence of his being</sup> mustered into service as a Private on the day of 186, at in Co. "E", 26<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Mass. Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. "E" of that Regiment, for the months of July & August, 1862, he is reported "Died July 5<sup>th</sup> 1862"

There is no original Muster in roll of that company on file in this Office.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

*Samuel Peck*

Assistant Adjutant General.

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

Memoranda

Name of applicant, Mrs. Susan E. Handley  
Address, Acton Mass  
C. & H.

This may certify that my wife and Mrs Susan  
E. Handley, are sisters. That the husband of Mrs  
Handley died in the year 1852 insolvent, leaving his  
wife Susan E. Handley with five children and without  
any property to support them. That said Frank Handley  
was one of the five children so left. That the mother  
was the only guardian of the children, and that she  
hired them out at her own discretion, and received  
their wages, I have no interest in this claim.

Amos Angier

Middlesex ss February 22 1864

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
the affiant is a credible person. I have no interest in the claim.  
Horace Collamore Justice of the Peace

This may certify that Frank Handley of Acton in  
the County of Middlesex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
worked for me from the year 1856 to the year 1860.  
That I contracted with his mother, Mrs Susan E. Handley  
in his wages. That she took the wages so earned by the  
said Frank Handley, and receipted me for the same. I have no  
interest in this claim.  
H. Collamore

Middlesex ss

February 22 1864

John R. Lane

Subscribed and sworn to before me. The affiant  
is a credible person. I have no interest in the claim.  
Horace Collamore Justice of the Peace

State of Massachusetts County of Middlesex Town of Acton  
Mr. Abraham B. Hambley & Miss Susan E. Winn  
(a) both of Acton were joined in Marriage by  
Amasa Sanderson of Littleton January fifteenth  
Eighteen Hundred and twenty eight.

I CERTIFY that the above is a true copy of the record, with the exception of  
the date, which is expressed on the record in fair legible figures, as follows: — (b)

"January 15<sup>th</sup>" "1828"

William D. Tuttle

I, William D. Tuttle above named, depose and say,  
that I hold the office of Town Clerk in the town, county, and state afore-  
said, and that the above is a true copy from the records of said city, with the exception  
above named, as certified by me.

William D. Tuttle } Town Clerk  
of  
Acton

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me, this twenty seventh  
day of April A. D. 1863 I have no interest in this case.

Moses Taylor Justice of the Peace.

- (a) Here fill in an exact transcript of the record, except that, instead of copying the figures, the date must be written out in full.  
(b) Here give the date exactly as it is in the record

Head Quarters 26.<sup>th</sup> Mass

Fenallytown Dc. Aug 6 1864

I hereby certify on honor, that Frank Handly  
 was a private in Company (E)  
Twenty Sixth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, and  
 that while doing duty with his Company at Fort St Philip  
Louisiana in the month of June 1862  
 he was taken sick with "acute softening of the brain"

Said Handly died of the above named disease  
 in the Regimental Hospital at Fort St Philip on  
 the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1862

James G. Pratt  
 Surgeon  
 26<sup>th</sup> Mass

And I hereby certify that the above mentioned Frank  
Handly was taken sick while in the line of duty  
 and in the service of the United States.

James G. Pratt  
 Surgeon  
 26<sup>th</sup> Mass



WAR OF 1861.

25.557

Brief in the case of Susan E Handley Mothers of  
Frank Handley pri. Co "E"  
26 Mass, Vols,  
Middlebury County, and State of Mass.

Act of July 14, 1862.

Post Office address of Applicant, Acton Mass,  
 Claim for Mothers, Pension.

Declaration and Identification in due Form.

PROOF EXHIBITED.

The dependence of the mother upon her son for support and their relationship is established by credible witnesses.

The soldier was enrolled Sep. 9. 1861, and died July 5. 1862.

Surgeon Bradt certifies that the soldier died July 9. 1862 while doing duty, with Acute Softening of the Brain.

The deceased soldier left neither widow nor minor child.

Power of Atty to Char Reed Acton Mass

Admitted Aug 18, 1864, to a Pension of \$ 8.00 per month, commencing July 7, 1862.

Charles Reed,  
Barton,  
Mass,

Name and Residence of Agent.

David Welch  
 EXAMINING CLERK.

28,557  
No. 30,051

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Susan E. Handley, Middlebury Co.  
Mass. Mother of Frank Handley,  
pri. Co "E" 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. Inf.  
Died at Fort St. Phillips La  
July 7, 1862 of Brain-disease.

Pension Office,

May 5, 1863.

Respectfully referred to the Adjutant  
General, for official evidence of service  
and death.

*L. A. Barnett*  
Commissioner.

Received, May 1, 1863.

Chas Reed

Boston

Mass

Attorney.